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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/583,126	Applicant(s) MASUMOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner JOSEPH R. KOSACK	Art Unit 1626	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7 are pending in the instant application.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 1-4 and 7) in the reply filed on September 16, 2007 is acknowledged. Claims 5 and 6 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner under 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Priority

The claim to priority as a 371 filing of PCT/JP05/05306 filed on March 16, 2005, which claims priority to JP 2004-087077 filed on March 24, 2004 is acknowledged in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 30, 2006 and October 31, 2007 have been considered by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

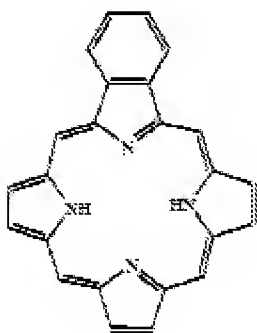
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1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aramaki et al. (US PG PUB 2003/0226996 A1) in view of Clezy et al. (CAS *Accession No.* 1978:22858).

Aramaki et al. teach a field effect transistor which comprises an organic semiconductor layer which can have a compound with the core structure of

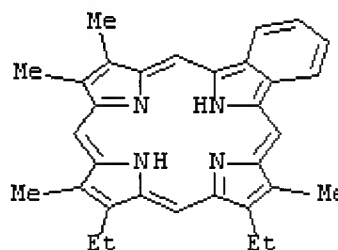


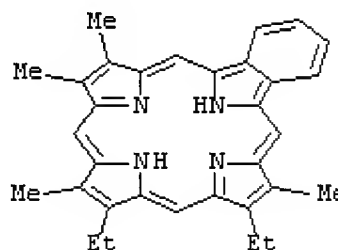
. See pages 16-17, specifically paragraphs 110-126 for

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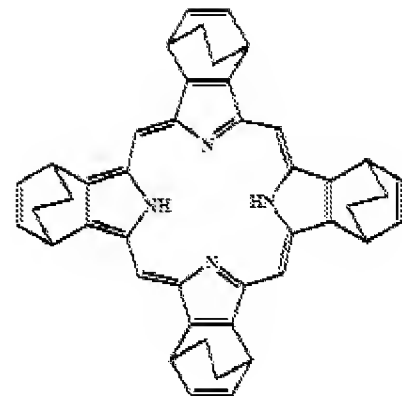
information on the field effect transistor device and page 9 for the core structure shown above. Additionally, Aramaki et al. teach that while the structures shown as core structures are shown with no metal, metal salts corresponding to the examples or molecules having substituents may likewise be used as preferred examples. See page 8, paragraph 94.

Aramaki et al. do not teach specifically a compound, such as that of the instant application where at least two of R₂ are not hydrogen and where the organic semiconductor layer has at least one peak at 7.8° +/- 0.2° in terms of Cu K-alpha X-ray diffraction.

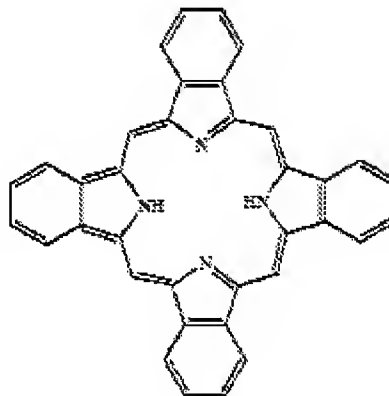


Clezy et al. teach a compound of the formula  which corresponds to the claims where M is two hydrogen atoms, all R₁ and R₃ groups are hydrogen, and all R₂ groups are alkyl. See the hitstructure.

As to the x-ray diffraction peak at 7.8° +/- 0.2°, the process of deposition shown by Aramaki et al. to achieve a crystalline semiconductor layer is the same as the instant



application, namely that a compound with the structure



can be thermally decomposed to form , which can be adapted to porphyrins which are only benzofused once. Aramaki et al. report that the heating of the "bicyclo" compound, which does not have any X-ray diffraction peaks, to yield the benzofused porphyrin generates an X-ray diffraction pattern with a sharp peak. See page 25, paragraph 227. Therefore, even though Aramaki et al. do not teach the exact angle where the sharp peak is formed, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that this is the same peak that the instant invention requires in claims 2 and 7.

Hence, one of ordinary skill in the art would look upon the field effect transistors and process of making them of Aramaki et al. and substitute the corresponding

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compound of Clezy et al. since Aramaki et al. teach that porphyrin structures with substituents may be used as preferable examples and yield the instant invention with a reasonable expectation of success. The person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to do this since Aramaki et al. clearly suggest that porphyrins with a coordinated metal or with substituents can be used with similar effects. See page 8, paragraph 94.

Conclusion

Claims 1-4 and 7 are rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSEPH R. KOSACK whose telephone number is (571)272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Joseph R Kosack/
Examiner, Art Unit 1626